

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – January 18, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. David Heller, Trustee
(Trustees) Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

COMMUNITY: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel regarding updates on contract negotiations (Amityville Teachers Association & Amityville Administrator’s Association) and the review particular person’s employment history.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | No: 0**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived during Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.)
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (Arrived during Executive Session)

ABSENT: Mr. David Heller, Trustee
(Trustees)

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

There was a consensus from the Board of Education to resume the open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
Virginia Figueroa, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health
Angela Garcia, Director of English as a New Language and World Language
Dr. Frances Fernandez, Director Fine Arts
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Director of Guidance
Kathleen Hyland, Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Sonia Rodrigo, Asst. Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Edward Plaia, Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Denise Graham, Asst. Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Lurdez Berrios, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
David Mevs, Dean of Students- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. John Cardone, Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School
Kenneth Coard, Acting Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 25

A. EMERGENCY EXIT, NO SMOKING STATEMENT

In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones during the meeting

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Johnson asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PRESENTATIONS (Summarized)

1. Town of Babylon & District Recognition of our 2022 NY State HS Boy’s Soccer Champions
 - 2022 Fall All-American Soccer Player
 - 2022 East Region High School Assistant Coach of the Year
2. District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP)

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)

The following persons gave community input regarding agenda items:

- Wendy Canestro
- Patricia Hobson
- Dina Rosenberg

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. December 7, 2022- Work Session
2. December 14, 2022- Regular Session
3. December 21, 2022- Special Session
4. January 7, 2023- Special Session
5. January 11, 2023- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1-5 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof
Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Denial of Grievance
2. Approval of Conference Attendance- District Clerk Workshop
3. Stipulation of Settlement & General Release

Motion to approve 2C| 1-3 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Kretz
Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Confidential Secretaries- Retro Agreement
2. Donation of Sick Days
3. Settlement of Agreement- CSEA
4. Intermunicipal Agreement
5. Employment Agreement
6. District Comprehensive Improvement Plan

Motion to approve 3A| 1-6 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos
Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof with the amended corrections as follows:

1. Page 3 | Section B | Item 2: Instructional Supervisor - Math / DW **CHANGE** to Instructional Supervisor - English / DW
2. Page 3 | Section B | Item 4: Removed.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

C. BUSINESS

1. Corrective Action Plan (CAP)- State Audit
2. Procedure Manual for the Use of Federal Funds
3. Health Services Contracts – 2022-2023 School Year
4. Disposal of Fixed Assets
5. Donations
6. Budget Transfer
7. Corrective Action Plan (CAP)- District Financial Audit

Motion to approve 3C| 1-7 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer’s Report- November 2022

Motion to approve 3D| 1 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Brookville Center for Children’s Services- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022/2023
2. Long Island Tutorial Services Inc.- Consultant Service Contract 2022/2023
3. Kids in Action of Long Island- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022/2023
4. United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022/2023
5. The Opportunity Preschool- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022/2023
6. Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022/2023
7. Health Source Group Addendum to the 22/23 Consultant Services Contract

Motion to approve 3E | 1-7 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Fale briefly addressed the Board and the community regarding the process of Freedom of Information and Letters (FOIL) and its increased financial impact on the District.

1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation

C. Board of Education

President Johnson reiterated the new dates for the February meetings which are as follows:

- Work Session (February 1)
- Regular Session (February 8)

In addition to these meetings, the Board of Education will meet on February 11, 2023 in open session for the purpose of discussion and review of the 2023-2024 Budget. This meeting will be opened to the public, in which the community will be able to provide comments.

The Board will also meet on Saturday, January 28, 2023 for the purpose of meeting with District Wide Search Consultants regarding the Superintendent's search.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The following persons provided community input on non-board agenda items:

- Wendy Canestro
- Amanda O'Connor
- Patricia Hobson
- Margaret Shuff
- Terry Holman
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney
- Dina Rosenberg

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk